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## A LITTER OF FIVE.

Charles McClean's Aunt Breaks the Record in the Baby Breeding Business.

Mr. C. P. McClean, of Paducah, who is at present running the Trovillon photograph gallery in this city, became suddenly possessed of five new cousins about a week ago, his aunt, Mrs. Oscar B. Lyons, of Mayfield, Ky., giving birth to five healthy babies. Concerning it the Paducah News says: "Strangers are flocking into Graves county in droves to see the little sequence of babies who came into the world at the rate of 5 to 1 and who will do their voting when they grow up at the rate of 16 to 1." Four of the infants are brunettes while one is a blonde. They are handsome, well formed and nearly identical in weight. They are healthy and strong, and so close is the resemblance that a ribbon has been tied on the wrist of each for identification. The Standard Oil Company has offered the parents \$5,000 for the privilege of naming the babies.—Paducah News.

## A Remarkable Family.

While attending the wedding at Mr. Louis Stiemers we met Mrs. Catharina M. Grossheide, a hale, hearty old lady of eighty-seven years, surrounded by her daughters, Mrs. Conrad Kempe, Mrs. Louis Stiemers, Mrs. Henry Kerstner and Mrs. Judge Snider, each of whom are grand-mothers.

Mrs. Grossheide, in 1839, while in her thirty-second year, came to this county from Germany, and settled at the then infant colony of Friedheim, in the northwest corner of the county, and as she told us, worked in the field with her husband, in constant fear from the Indians then roaming at large over this part of Missouri.

She raised a family of daughters, each of whom are remarkable for their superior intelligence, kindness of heart and high domestic attainments, who, in turn, have raised families of children, each of whom have fallen heir to the pleasant sunny features, the handsome form and the kind, cheerful disposition of their aged grand-mother.

Mrs. Fred, Hertling, a fifth daughter, now deceased, was equally highly endowed with those noble qualities that make home a miniature heaven here on earth.

Mrs. Grossheide has also living two sons, Henry and Fred. Grossheide, who stand high as gentlemen and citizens in the community where they are well known.

The happy old lady was surrounded by six children, thirty-five grandchildren and thirty-seven great grandchildren, seventy-eight in all, while three of her own children and eighteen grandchildren have gone to the long home, making the total number of ninety-nine in all, and if we include herself, the round one hundred.

What stands still more to her credit, there has not been a single proverbial black sheep in the whole flock. All the younger boys are growing up sturdy, intelligent, industrious, self-reliant men, and the young girls are all noted for their fine dispositions, good looks and refined common sense, and are being sought after in marriage by the best young men in our community.

At the homes where the married ladies preside the latch-string is always out to every friend and neighbor, and the poor and needy never depart empty handed. True christian zeal and charity being dominant characteristics of the whole family.

Thus we have a faint picture of the sturdy German race, who fear and love their God, pay their honest debts, love their neighbor as themselves, eat their own meat and bread and lead the hardy wagon on election day.

## Resting breaks the Glad News.

The Sphinx of the White House has at last opened his lips and enlightened the people on a subject that has elicited the attention of the country for more than a year past. Mr. Cleveland has declared himself on the third term.

He will not run again. Four years more at the head of the government will kill him. He will not have the nomination even if it were handed him on a golden platter. His health requires more duck hunting. He will take no chances of being defeated for the presidency a second time. When his term is over he will go abroad and grow broader. Let the Democracy win if it can, but it must do so without Cleveland.

All this was communicated by the President in a burst of confidence to a short fat Chicago man named Wash Hession, Great Grover's Happy Hession! Thrice blessed Democracy party!—Post-Dispatch.

## STORY OF A KANSAS CITY BOY.

Wanted to be an Actor and is Penitent in New York.

NEW YORK, May 11.—Percy John Nolan, aged 15, living at 309 West Ninth street, Kansas City, was picked up in front of the Palma House on the Bowery this morning by a policeman. The story as related by the boy, is as follows:

For the past year he has been a constant reader of dime novels, and decided to go on the stage. He left home this week and went to Chicago, where he joined "Human Hearts" Company. Nolan did not meet the success anticipated, and as his artistic ability did not come up to the managers' wishes he decided to drop "the infant prodigy," as business was bad and he could not carry "dead wood," as he put it. So one morning Percy John Nolan woke to learn that the "Human Hearts" aggregation had left him penniless in the Windy City. He met James J. Corbett, who was playing in Chicago at the time in the "Naval Cadet." He promised, so the boy says, to take him to England with him as his mascot if he would join him in New York. On reaching Rochester Nolan met that great tragedian, Steve Brodie, who after chatting with the lad, told him he would make an actor of him. He beat his way to New York in freight trains. His parents have not been found.

## Curing a Snake's Blindness.

One of the most poisonous snakes at the London Zoo, a king cobra, recently became nearly blind. When it shed its skin it threw off every part except the transparent plate which covers the eye. After each change of skin this plate remained uncast, and the successive layers became opaque, and projected over the eye in a horny boss. The keeper used the snake habit of creeping through an aperture which it can find in the wall of its cage to rid itself of the growth over the eye. He drew back the iron shutter which separates one compartment from the other, leaving a narrow space open. The cobra soon discovered this, and pushed its nose into the crack. This was slightly widened, and the snake squeezed through, rubbing off one of the scales as it did so. It was then induced to go back by the way it had come; and after this had been repeated once or twice it cleared the scale from the other eye. Since then it has cast its skin completely, and its eyes are apparently none the worse for its temporary blindness. Snakes naturally drag themselves through rough grass and holes to get rid of the old skin which clings to them.—London Public Opinion.

## Our Business Men Should Take Hold.

If our business men do not wake up and milke to their advantage the large sum invested by Mrs. Painter in rebuilding and repairing the St. Charles Hotel we will not only lose the Democratic Congressional convention but many good things that this town ought to have. If our business men would but think for a moment about the general good and prosperity of our city, of which they are always largely the beneficiaries they would see that every day such a splendid building is idle just so long is it a standing monument to the enmity and selfishness of our community. Of course no one expects or over expects Mrs. Painter herself to run the hotel. But since she has expended so much in preparing it on modern plans, a hotel company should be organized forthwith to open and operate it and if this is done we feel certain that it will pay a large dividend to the stockholders and draw a large amount of trade to this city. Don't delay this matter, soon visitors to our Normal school will be coming to witness the examination of their children.

From Seth S. Barnes.

New Madrid, Mo., May 7, 1896.

EDITOR CAPE DEMOCRAT:—Allow me, through the columns of your paper, to congratulate the Hon. John A. Snider, of your county, upon his nomination by the Republicans of the 14th congressional district, to Congress. I assure him that he will poll a larger vote than any Republican ever received in this county for this position. Our battle cry in this county is McKinley. Snider and Republican Missouri.

Yours for success.

SETH S. BARNES.

## Baillard's Horehound Syrup.

Is the best known remedy for Consumption, Coughs, Colds and all Throat and Chest troubles. Every bottle is guaranteed. It is the best remedy for children. Sold at Wilson's drug store.

## FRANK JAMES IN A NEW ROLE.

Negotiations to Engage Him as a Special Guard on Treasure Carrying Express Trains.

Frank James as a guard on express trains carrying large amounts of money or valuables is one of the novelties the people are now awaiting. Negotiations have been in progress now for several weeks, but the probabilities are that they will be closed up within a few days. The effect of James' name, in view of his former prowess in robbing trains himself, is what the express companies are aiming after. They do not know, they say, that he could stop a determined robber any more than one of their own messengers, but they think the ordinary train robber would hesitate to tackle him. James is willing to accept the position, and guarantees that no train in his charge will be robbed except over his dead body, with one single provision, and that is that the express people put up a bond of \$20,000, this amount to go to his widow in case of his death. The express people are inclined to yield to this, though there is some opposition. James has been seen in standing out for it, and will not go out on the road unless the bond is fixed up to his satisfaction. Since he became a respectable and law-abiding citizen he has taken very good care of his family, and he does not propose to commence doing anything else now. When the negotiations were first begun he was asked if he could shoot with both hands.

"Well," he replied, "it used to be that I could, and I guess I have not forgotten how yet."

James has been working steadily for some time, but has never been able to make an exorbitant salary, and for that reason would be willing to take the risk of this venture. As one of his friends says: "It is not as much risk as he has taken on hundreds of occasions before, when out on one of his raids. The only difference would be that in this he would have the law on his side."

## Baillard's Saw Liniment.

If you have a terrible pain in the small of the back, get a bottle of Snow Liniment. It will positively cure it and at once. Try it and recommend it to your friends. Sold at Wilson's drug store.

## SCOTT JACKSON FOUND GUILTY.

Murder in the First Degree and the Penalty Death.

NEWPORT KY., May 14.—The Scott Jackson case went to the jury at 10 o'clock this morning. Before retiring the judge's type-written instructions, bloody clothes, letters and other articles that were shown in evidence were placed in their hands.

At 12:05 the jury returned to the court room with a verdict. Amid a deathlike stillness the foreman handed the verdict to the clerk, who read as follows:

"We, the jury, find the defendant, Scott Jackson, guilty of murder in the first degree and fix his penalty at death."

The judge had previously announced that no demonstration of approval or disapproval by spectators would be permitted. Deputies were placed throughout the room with instructions to bring before the court any person disobeying this instruction to be punished for contempt. Consequently the verdict was heard with silence, but immediately upon the adjournment of court the spectators rushed to the jurors and shook their hands heartily. They also shook each other by the hand showing a hearty approval of the verdict found by the jury.

Jackson himself received his doom with no manifestation of emotion except a pale paleness of the face. None of his relatives were present. The aged father of Pearl Bryan and her brother, Fred Bryan, were present when the verdict was rendered.

The usual motion for a new trial was made and then Jackson was taken away to jail. He had been surrounded by half dozen or more officers when the jury came in and went out under their protection, although there was no demonstration to indicate a necessity for such care. The general impression is that the verdict is right.

Pearl Bryan was the daughter of Alexander Bryan of Greenbush, Ind. Scott Jackson got acquainted with her in June, 1895, and often visited her. On the 26th of January, 1896, Pearl left home, saying she was going to Indianapolis to visit friends and on February 1 her headless body was found not far from Newport, Ky. Her shoes led to her identification.

Scott Jackson and Alonzo Walling were soon arrested and both indicted. The trials were severed and Jackson's trial and conviction followed. Walling will be put on trial at an early day.—Post-Dispatch.

## AN OX-EYED CHILD.

Visual Organ Grew to an Enormous Size and Was Removed.

DEXTER, Mo., May 9.—An unusual operation was performed here this morning by Dr. Mott, a specialist, on a child 5 years old suffering from an abnormal growth of the eye. The diseased organ has been growing for over two years until it was as large as the eye of an ox and protruded from the socket fully half an inch. It gave the child a hideous appearance and caused it excruciating pain.

When the eye was taken out it was found that the retina and choroid were ossified. One eye had been diseased since birth and the loss of the other leaves the child blind. W. J. Rodgers, a farmer, is the father of the little one.

## Courting Among the Boers.

Counting among the Boers is a novel proceeding. A young man, having, of course, asked the permission of his father to court the hand and heart of some neighboring damsel—by neighboring I mean anything within fifty miles—proceeds to purchase the most loudly and decorated saddle cloth for his horse that he can possibly find. He will spend largesums on this article of equine adornment, and one knowing the country can never mistake a young Boer going out courting. Mounted on his most spirited steed, he approaches the house of the father of his lady love. Unlike the youth of more civilized life, he avoids the lady and seeks her father, from whom he reverently asks permission to court his daughter. The old man returns no answer, but consults his vron, and the youth joins the young folks.

No more notice is taken of him during the day, but if his request be agreeable to the parents, when the hour for retiring comes, the mother solemnly approaches the young man and maiden, with a long tallow candle in her hand. This she places on the table, lights, and bidding the couple an affectionate good night retires. This is the signal to the lover that his suit is successful. The young couple are permitted to sit up together in the kitchen so long as the candle lasts, when the lady retires to the bedroom of herself and sisters, and the youth shares the bed of the brothers or male portion of the family.—Forum.

## What Personal Effects May Be Imported.

It would be difficult to make out a list of goods that can be brought in from Europe free of duty. It may suffice to observe that personal effects and household goods actually in use and necessary and appropriate for the use of the passenger according to his means and station in life and for the purposes of his journey, can be entered free of duty, provided they accompany the owners, or the owners thereof can make oath that they have arrived in the United States within one year prior to date of arrival of the goods, specifying steamer and date upon which they arrived. If the owners have not arrived within the year, duty must be paid upon appraisal. Household effects, books and libraries, if used abroad not less than one year, and not intended for any other person, not for sale, are entitled to free entry, even if the owners have resided more than one year in the United States. Oil clothing and household effects sent as presents are dutiable. Paintings, statuary and other works are embraced in the term "household effects." Horses, carriages and saddlery are now embraced in the term "household effects." Cameras for private use and photographs taken as mementoes, and not for sale, are free. Each passenger arriving is entitled to bring with him fifty cigars. Inheritances, presents from abroad, even if they are old, and properly household effects, must pay duty. Shotguns and blades are covered by the term "personal effects." Tools of trade, instruments, professional books, theatrical wardrobes, are free only when accompanying the owner. Every person coming from abroad is entitled to enter one watch of foreign manufacture free. Paintings, statuary, etc., are free, if household effects. The effects of an American citizen who died abroad can be returned free, if accompanied by a consular certificate. Gloves, beyond what are in current use, ribbons, lace, etc., not made up, are dutiable.

## Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, better, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale at Blomeyer & Haman.

## The New Version.

We have no way of ascertaining the names of the person who originated the following, but we desire to say that as a fine-de-siccle gem it is simply unapproachable:

Rock-a-bye baby, your mama has gone; she's attending a caucus she'll be home about dawn; she's sworn papa's trousers, in them looking so queer, so hush-a-bye baby, your papa is here. Rock-a-bye baby, your mama's got bellows, she's run three conventions, and declared for three fellows, she's great on a straddle, way up on a vote, so hush-a-bye baby your papa's a goat. Rock-a-bye baby, the dishes are clean; your papa's done scrubbing and put on the beans; your mama is late she seems always to lag but heaven help papa if she comes with a jag. So rock-a-bye baby, I'm glad you can't talk your papa got lonesome and went for a walk. He was met by a widow—a regular dream, your papa's a daisy and fond of ice cream. So hush-a-bye baby for flirting's no sin; your papa was tempted, she tickled his chin. She was plump and so pretty, so neat and so trim, and its hush-a-bye baby your pop's in the swim.—Scott County Dispatch.

## John A. Snider.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT:—Some of the friends of Mr. Mozely are somewhat disappointed because he failed to get the nomination; but that is no sufficient cause for them to grumble now. The convention was a fair one, none of your Pertle Springs snap-traps, but a convention of only appointed delegates fresh from the people and they saw proper to nominate a man who has been born in our county, is self-made from infancy up, one of ourselves, a true-blue Republican who has ever been found working for the best interests of the party and its principles. What more do they want? We, as a party vote for principles, not for men; and he will stand for those principles to the end. A true soldier never flinches in front of the enemy, but stands up, doing his best until the victory is won, then does his grumbling. These friends of Mr. Mozely are far too true soldiers to be wasting their ammunition on the mounds of the slain, so long as there is a living foe to fight.

## Whisky Execution Proof in Kansas.

CONCORDIA, KAN., May 12.—A decision just handed down by the District Court contains an interesting ruling on the status of liquor before the law in Kansas. Angevine, a druggist, of Clyde, owed the Standard Oil Company, which to secure its money, obtained judgment on the debt, and an execution was placed in the hands of a Constable. The officer levied upon a varied assortment of whisky and beer, and sold same in the usual manner by Sheriff's sale. At the sale the Standard Oil Company became the purchaser. Later Angevine brought suit against the company for the value of the liquor, claiming, inasmuch as the sale was prohibited except by licensed druggists, that the property was not subject to levy and sale on execution, and after an exhaustive presentation of authorities on behalf of the respective parties this view was sustained by the Court. Under this holding it appears that intoxicating liquor is execution proof in Kansas, and is the most stable property that can be owned.

## Colonel Cockerill's Suggestion.

One day, while the late Col. John A. Cockerill was managing editor of the New York World, a story floated about the office to the effect that members of the staff would be officially requested to vote for a certain candidate who had been nominated for a high municipal office. As Colonel Cockerill was going home, he passed through a room where a dozen reporters were grinding away.

"Gentlemen," he said, "you know that to-morrow is election day."

"Every man looked up. The request was coming at last."

"I hope," continued the Colonel, "that you will all vote"—a pause—"exactly as you please!"

There was a chorus of laughter as Colonel Cockerill entered the elevator.

## Hard Lines for Leo.

The contention of the polygamists Indian who is enjoined to pick out from his collection the wife he prefers and put away the rest is that one squaw cannot support a brave in the style to which he has been accustomed. To secure him the perfect leisure which his dignity requires about half a dozen hard-working women are necessary, and this is not far from his average among the Kickapooos, Cheyennes, Arapahoes and probably most of the others. The Oklahoma courts are to take action in the matter, but the case is one of intricacy and difficulty.—New York Tribune.

## ASCENSION DAY.

Celebration by the Knights Templar of this City.

The annual celebration of Ascension Day by Cape Girardeau Commandery No. 55 of Knights Templar was duly observed at the Presbyterian church in this city on Thursday evening. The audience chamber was decorated in an appropriate manner, its character indicating clearly the nature of the celebration—a large floral cross being prominent, with various Masonic emblems in their appropriate places, and over all, and immediately over the cross, the inscription containing the battle cry of the old soldier Templars, defenders of the sepulchre of Christ and protectors of the pilgrims. "By this sign we conquer."

A large and appreciative audience greeted the appearance of the Knights, and the choir rendered a song of welcome, which was evidently fully appreciated by them. The opening prayer was offered by Rev. S. Addison McElroy of the Presbyterian church.

Sir Knight William H. Miller of Jackson, had been authorized, it seems, by the Commandery to present on this occasion a pair of Past Eminent shoulder straps to Eminent Sir Knight William B. Wilson. Owing to sickness the latter was unable to be present the acceptance thereof and response were deputed to Sir Knight Alex. Ross of this city in behalf of the absent Eminent Sir Knight.

Sir Knight Miller in making the presentation, did so in an eloquent address, replete with historical and scriptural allusions, and paying a high and well deserved tribute to the absent Knight. Many of the audience were impressed and delighted to know from this splendid address of Sir Knight Miller that the Bible was and is a sacred book with the Knights. In accepting the beautiful offering of the Commandery Sir Knight Alex. Ross made a very feeling and touching address, and freely indorsed all that had been said of the absent Knight, as did the entire audience. The beautiful ceremony which accompanied the acceptance of the costly gift impressed the large audience with the sense of the sincerity and chivalry of the Commandery. After Ascension Hymn the Rev. C. H. Briggs of Fayette, Missouri, Most Excellent Past High Priest of Missouri, was introduced by Sir Knight E. S. McCarty, and delivered the Ascension sermon, and for more than an hour held the vast audience spell bound by his wonderful statements—wonderful at least to a large portion of his audience—in reference to the relation which Masonry bears to christianity. His text was from Luke 24: 50-51: "And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven."

No synopsis of this eloquent discourse can give an adequate idea of it. The fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man, the cross of Christ and all that these imply, were fully and plainly presented by the distinguished Templar, and the audience had a higher conception than ever of the grand mission of the Knights Templar.

Rev. M. T. Haw of the Methodist Episcopal church South made the closing prayer, and after "Home Sweet Home" was exquisitely rendered by the choir the benediction was pronounced by Rev. R. Todd, Rector of the Episcopal church.

## Dexter (Mo.) Baptist Church Trouble.

DEXTER, Mo., May 10.—Since yesterday morning efforts have been made to settle the difficulty which arose in the Baptist Church in Dexter the 1st of March over the asking by a part of the church for the resignation of Rev. I. P. Langley as pastor. A church council, composed of delegates from other churches in the association, was held yesterday afternoon to investigate charges made against Mr. Langley. The decision of the council was that there was little or nothing in the charges, and that two factions were asked to beg one another's pardon and renew the covenant. At a meeting of the church to-day the Langley faction refused to renew the covenant with the anti-Langley faction, so matters are in no better shape than before the council was held.

## A Man Hunt in Mississippi County.

CHARLESTON, Mo., May 13.—A posse from Kentucky is scouring Mississippi County in search of two negro murderers, who, assisted by a third, murdered the Marshal of Fulton, Ky., Saturday night.